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Hello Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers

Reminder...

I just thought I would take some time to provide you some information around dropping off and picking up children from school.

We are very fortunate in the Tararua around traffic safety at schools in comparison to cities where the population is more and traffic is heavier.

However, with that can come some complacency. We can find ourselves taking short cuts, parking in the incorrect zones, parking on yellow lines and allowing our children to cross the road at any given point. Roads around schools both before and after school can be dangerous due to traffic volume and the number of students entering or exiting the grounds is big. The results can be very upsetting if things go bad.

It takes us no longer to park in the designated areas and it does not hurt our children to have to walk a small distance into the school grounds from being dropping off by parents/caregivers – the exercise is good!

It is timely reminder about the safety and legal obligations of all those parents and caregivers who bring their children to and from school by car.

The school and teachers are trying to ensure the safety of your children at pick up and drop off times by operating school traffic safety teams (school patrols at crossings for the schools who do this). To achieve this they require your help by observing the traffic laws in relation to pedestrian crossing and driving in general.

Police are committed to the safety of children around schools and as a result will be monitoring these locations at peak times.

Below is a list of offences that we will be actively policing:

Failed to stop and remain stopped for School Patrol	\$150.00
Blocked a pedestrian crossing	\$150.00
Driver or passenger not wearing seat belt	\$150.00

Failed to ensure child 8-14 year used seat belt	\$150.00
Permitted child under 15 in front seat unrestrained	\$150.00
Failed to ensure child under 7 in approved child restraint	\$150.00
Driver used a mobile phone while driving	\$80.00
Failed to wear cycle helmet	\$55.00
Parking within 6 metres of an intersection	\$60.00
Parking on or near a pedestrian crossing	\$60.00
Parked in area of broken yellow line	\$60.00
Parked obstructing vehicle entrance	\$40.00
Parking on a broken yellow line	\$60.00

I would also like to point out that bus stops during certain times are **NOT** to be used for dropping off or waiting to pick up your children. These times are:
Monday to Friday 8.30am until 9.15am & 3.00pm until 3.30pm.

I do want to point out that we must abide by these requirements – which will be monitored and enforced to ensure safety measures are met.

If we all do our bit to be aware of the risks and adhere to the regulations, then our children will be safe.

Yours faithfully

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Senior Constable
School Community Officer

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